

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H3304, Proposed Amendment**  
(Doc. No. Unknown)

TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	EMT Criminal Background Checks		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
See Below

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

The proposed Bill amends Section 44-61-80 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, so as to require that a person seeking EMT certification or recertification must undergo a state and a national criminal records check. The cost of the check shall be paid by the EMT or the EMT agency upon application. Background checks are not required for an EMT employed as of July 1, 2007, until the EMT applies for recertification.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)

Section 44-61-80 indicates the cost of the background check may be paid by the EMT or the EMT agency. The Bill provides that the cost of the state criminal records check must not exceed eight dollars which is the fee SLED may charge charitable organizations under proviso 56DD.7 of the FY 2006-07 Appropriation Act. Assuming other funds revenue will cover the cost of conducting the state background check there should be no additional cost to the State General Fund upon enactment. SLED indicates the cost of a records check is \$24 for the federal criminal record check.

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department indicates that there would be some cost associated with an employee needed to process finger print cards, money orders, certifications, etc. However, these costs are minimal and the agency will absorb them using their appropriated resources.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

Responses from local governments indicate enactment would have little or no impact on expenditures. Counties either already require a criminal records check or anticipate the number of new hires annually to be minimal.

Approved by:



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